



This building is the original Third Ward meetinghouse and seminary, located on the northwest corner of First North and Fifth West. The existing Third Ward assembly hall was built immediately north of it in 1901. *Courtesy of John W. Bun Taylor.*

The City Grows

Although Indian troubles still continued, the little settlement began its business of becoming a city. On 31 January 1850, the general assembly of Deseret named it for the first time "Provo," and declared the town to be the county seat of the newly created Utah County. On 6 February 1850, the town was granted a city charter which provided for the election of officers. Immediately they elected Ellis Eames the

1852, the people enthusiastically built a house for him, which he later returned to them for use as a seminary.

Soon the two small forts were not large enough to hold everyone, and the settlers began to build homes on the lots laid out in the city. The log schoolhouse was moved from the old fort and placed in the public square where two wings were added to it. Two hotels were built. To keep up with the improvements in the city, the new city council passed ordinances insisting